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FROM ATHERTON

USDEL NO. 14

DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)
SUBJECT: ATHERTON'S TRAVEL PLANS

REF: JERUSALEM 0492, JIDDA 1391

1. SINCE ARRIVAL IN CAIRO IT HAS BECOME CLEAR, GIVEN
HEAVY GOE PREOCCUPATION WITH CYPRUS AFFAIR IN RECENT DAYS,
THAT I WILL HAVE TO SPEND LONGER HERE THAN ANTICIPATED
AND THAT CHANGES WILL HAVE TO BE MADE IN SCHEDULE
REFTEL. EARLIEST IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE
MEETING WITH KAMEL IS 6 O'CLOCK THIS EVENING (THURSDAY),
AND IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT A SECOND AND PERHAPS
EVEN A THIRD MEETING WILL BE REQUIRED, PROBABLY ON
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SATURDAY SINCE FRIDAY IS MOSLEM SABBATH. THERE WOULD BE
NO POINT IN MY RETURNING TO JERUSALEM WITHOUT AN
EGYPTIAN TEXT OR WITH ONE THAT ISRAELIS WOULD VIEW AS SO
RETROGRESSIVE THAT THEY WOULD FEEL NO INCENTIVE TO
CONTINUE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DECLARATION.

2. FURTHERMORE, IN LIGHT OF WORD WE HAVE JUST GOTTEN

FROM AMMAN (AMMAN 1746) THAT SHARAF IS WITH THE KING
IN LONDON, I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST TO POSTPONE MY VISIT
TO AMMAN UNTIL THE KING'S RETURN. ASSUMING HUSSEIN IS
BACK IN AMMAN BY MARCH 3, HOPE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE ME
ON MARCH 4.

3. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND SUBJECT TO FURTHER CHANGE,
FOLLOWING IS REVISED ITINERARY:

FEBRUARY 26 - CAIRO TO JERUSALEM
FEBRUARY 27 - IN JERUSALEM
FEBRUARY 28 - JERUSALEM TO CAIRO
MARCH 1 - IN CAIRO
MARCH 2 - CAIRO TO JERUSALEM
MARCH 3 - JERUSALEM TO AMMAN
MARCH 4 - IN AMMAN
MARCH 5 - AMMAN TO SAUDI ARABIA
MARCH 6 - SAUDI ARABIA TO CAIRO
MARCH 7 - IN CAIRO
MARCH 8 - IN JERUSALEM
MARCH 9 - RETURN TO U.S.

4. FOR TEL AVIV: PLEASE TELL DAYAN I VERY MUCH REGRET
NOT BEING ABLE TO KEEP OUR APPOINTMENT FRIDAY AFTERNOON
BUT LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM SUNDAY AFTERNOON OR
MONDAY. WILL OF COURSE ALSO BE READY TO SEE BEGIN AT
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ANY TIME HE WISHES. PLEASE TELL DAYAN AND BEGIN I
HOPE THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT DELAY IN MY RETURN IS
IN INTEREST OF ADVANCING WORK ON THE DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES.

5. FOR AMMAN: WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE THAT KING WILL BE ABLE TO SEE ME MARCH 4.

6. FOR JIDDA: REGRET CHANGE IN EARLIER SCHEDULE.
WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW WITHIN
THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS IF FAHD AND SAUD WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO SEE ME ON AFTERNOON OR EVENING MARCH 5 OR
MORNING MARCH 6. ASSUME WE SHOULD PLAN ON GOING TO
RIYADH BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS.
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